

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### Diagnostic services: Organisation and delivery

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

#### **2.0 Scope: after consultation (To be completed by the developer and submitted with the final scope)**

2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during consultation, and, if so, what are they?

People with visual or hearing loss and those who lack competent decision making faculties may be disadvantaged regarding their ability to access diagnostic tests.

Offering choice of bookings was also highlighted as a potential equality issue by one stakeholder. People with limited mobility or carers may find it easier to access appointments if they have a choice of bookings.

2.2 Have any changes to the scope been made as a result of consultation to highlight potential equality issues?

No changes to highlight potential equality issues have been made to the scope as a result of consultation with stakeholders. Attention will be given to potential equality issues as the committee considers the evidence and makes recommendations, but it is not the intention that the reviews will identify and stratify the evidence by specific subgroups. The needs of people within the groups identified above (in section 2.1) will be considered in this guideline along with those identified earlier in the scoping process.

2.3 Is the primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific disability-related communication need?

If so, is an alternative version of the 'Information for the Public' document recommended?

If so, which alternative version is recommended?

The alternative versions available are:

- large font or audio versions for a population with sight loss;
- British Sign Language videos for a population who are deaf from birth;
- 'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.

No

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